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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Tomohiro YAMAMURA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 9179
Application No.: 10/715,483	:	Group Art Unit: 3661
Filed: November 19, 2003	:	Examiner: B. J. Broadhead
For: DRIVING ASSIST SYSTEM FOR VEHICLE	:	

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

These Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance are filed in response to the Notice of Allowability mailed on November 15, 2007.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's Statement on Reasons for Allowance. Entry of that Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence by Applicants in the stated reasoning.

The Statement sets forth a single rationale for patentability with respect to all of the allowed claims, however, the wording in the Statement does not precisely correspond to the language of all the allowed claims. It is submitted that each independent claim, and in fact each claim, is separately patentable in its own right, not just for one general reason as suggested by the Statement.

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For example, according to claim 7 a reciprocal of the time headway is used to calculate a risk potential, whereas a reciprocal of the time to contact is used according to claim 10.

It is respectfully submitted that the allowed claims should be entitled the broadest reasonable interpretation and broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of the language of the claims, the supporting disclosure and Applicants' prosecution of the claims, without reference to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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